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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

The first paragraph of the specification, from "This application..." through "incorporated herein by reference." has been deleted, and the following has been inserted in its place:

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-- The application is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,284,143, filed June 29, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,083,407, filed December 24, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,855,775, filed November 25, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/638,017, filed April 25, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 29/038,499, filed May 5, 1995, now abandoned, which are incorporated herein by reference.--

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Betsey Hoey whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1158**. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7:30-1:00 AM. The examiner's supervisor, Mr. Duane Smith, may be reached at (571) 272-1166. Any inquiry of general nature may be directed to the Group receptionist at (571) 272-0987. The centralized fax number for the Group is (703) 872-9306. The examiner Rightfax number is (571) 273-1158.

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